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A Special Meeting of the Aransas Pass City Council was held on Thursday, March 17, 2022. A notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Ramiro Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Scruggs and Council Members Vickie Abrego, Janet Moore and Jason Knight were present; Also present was City Manager Gary Edwards with City Attorney Roxann Pais Cotroneo (via conference call).

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2. City Manager:

2.I Consider and Act on giving city staff direction on how to proceed with the Park Improvement Project.

Gary Edwards, City Manager stated that at the last regular meeting, the council voted to not accept the engineering agreement with T. Baker Smith, previously selected for the Park Improvement project. Mr. Edwards stated since currently there is not an engineer for this project, the city needs direction for this project.

Mr. Edwards stated that he and the City Attorney met with Mayor Gomez about the project and in their discussions there is one option for council consideration. He explained the option is to bring an Engineer on board for the preparation of a Pre-Fabricated Pavilion and the Concession Stand/Restroom, which may result in a cost savings. Mayor Gomez stated that only the Basketball Pavilion would be pre-fabricated, and renovate the concession stand. Mr. Edwards stated that safety is of great importance.

Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs stated it was her impression that the building may not be worth remodeling, and Mayor Gomez responded that in his opinion it is worth remodeling. Ms. Scruggs commented that the building was in bad shape ten years ago, and Mayor Gomez responded the main structure is not in bad condition, but does need the ramp, floor boards, hand railing, etc., and the concession stand also has damage caused by the ice machine. Council Member Abrego stated the restrooms need remodeling. In response to a question from Council Member Moore, Mr. Edwards responded the city first needs to hire an engineer to prepare the specifications for the project.

Council Member Abrego stated the previous engineer, Steven Synovitz, T. Baker Smith, at the last meeting explained the process for the city to move forward which was to go to the second low bidder and asked if the city was going to follow this process, or start the process again. Mr. Edwards stated they would look at the possibility of approaching the second low bidder, but due to the changes in the project, it may be necessary to start the process again. Council Member Abrego expressed the importance of following the law in this process.

Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs asked for information on the pre-fabrication pavilion, and Mayor Gomez responded he contacted Rhino Buildings for information on ordering the

frame and specifications, and he also contacted Lynn Engineering and they recommended a company from Victoria for a 180 x 80 pavilion, 14 feet in height, 212 pitch, 2 restrooms, with the plans. Council Member Abrego stated the city first needs an engineer, and Mayor Gomez responded he contacted this engineering firm on his own for inquiry purposes and to determine the cost of a pavilion. Council Member Abrego expressed concern that this company be aware that they are not performing work for the city. Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs asked how many basketball courts would be included in the 180 x 80, and Mayor Gomez responded 1 full size and 1 half court. Council Member Moore commented that because of the life of the concession stand building, it may be better to have a new building rather than remodel. City Manager Edwards stated if the Council wishes, they can work on a pre-fabrication Pavilion and renovate the Concession Stand, if the engineer agrees with a renovation.

Vincent Klus asked if the city had a formal project plan to include project dates and date of completion, and Mr. Edwards explained this is the purpose for hiring an engineer. Mr. Klus then asked if the city has someone in charge of the project such as RFQ date, hiring engineer, project dates, and added that since December nothing has been accomplished. Mr. Edwards explained the city had a process, but the city did not approve the agreement with the Engineer, therefore, the city is having to start the process again. Fernando Quintanilla, Director of Public Works stated the city had a timeline with the previous engineer, but based on the direction received from the council, the city will develop a schedule for the project. Mr. Quintanilla stated if the city opts to go with the second rank, the timeframe is shorter, but if not, the city will need to re-advertise, review proposals, bring the contract to council for award, contract development, attorney review; thus, the project taking longer. Once this step has been completed, then the Engineer will develop a project schedule.

Mr. Klus reiterated the need for a project schedule. Mr. Quintanilla stated once the staff knows the direction for the project, a timeline schedule can be developed and a copy will be provided to Mr. Klus. In response to a question from Mr. Klus, Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs stated the only confusion with the project was that they did not agree with the Engineering Firm; and, therefore it was necessary to start the process over.

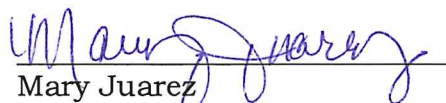
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs giving direction to the City Manager to proceed with the Park Improvements, seconded by Council Member Moore, and the motion passed.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 12:22 pm.



Ramiro Gomez
Mayor



Mary Juarez
City Secretary

Approved on: April 4, 2022